

REMARKS

CLAIMS 1, 38, 70, 81

Claim 1, recites in part:

"at least one layer of fabric disposed in the interior of the aircraft, wherein the at least one layer of fabric is capable of absorbing kinetic energy of the foreign body, the at least one layer of fabric being substantially positioned towards the interior of the aircraft with respect to the outer shell and at a finite distance away from the outer shell, and wherein the at least one layer of fabric is composed of one or more ballistic material **selected from a group consisting of aramid, polyethylene and phenylenebenzole.**"

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that *White et al.* "discloses a ballistic barrier." It is respectfully submitted that *White et al.* does not disclose a ballistic barrier. Rather, *White et al.* discloses "a lining system in a fuselage compartment," "for purposes of enhancing condensate management" (column 1, lines 5-10). *White et al.* further discloses that "[c]ondensate is formed within an aircraft when the air within the aircraft is cooled to a temperature below its dew point causing the water constituent of the air to condense" (column 1, lines 42-45).

Further, in the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that *White et al.* discloses "at least one layer of fabric being amide or polyethylene." In support of this assertion, the Examiner makes reference to column 9, lines 40-59 in *White et al.*.

The novel method recited in Claim 1 requires storing at least one layer of fabric composed of one or more ballistic material **selected from a group consisting of aramid, polyethylene and phenylenebenzole.**"

Clearly, *White et al.* does not disclose the group **consisting of aramid, polyethylene and phenylenebenzole**. Specifically, column 9, lines 40-59 in *White et al.*, to which the Examiner refers, discloses "polymethyl methacrylate, polyvinyl chloride, acrylonitrilebutadienestyrene (ABS), polycarbonate, polyetherimide, polyetheretherketone (PEEK), polyketoneketone (PEKK), polyarylsulfone (PAS), polyphenylene sulfide, polyethersulfone (PES), polysulfone, and polyimide." Thus, column 9, lines 40-59 of *White et al.* (or any other columns of *White et al.*) does not disclose the group **consisting of aramid, polyethylene and phenylenebenzole** of Claim 1.

Thus, for the reasons stated above, independent Claim 1 is allowable over the art of record and that Claim 1 be held in condition for allowance.

Similarly, Claims 38, 70, and 81, each contains the limitation, "ballistic material **selected from a group consisting of aramid, polyethylene and phenylenebenzole**." Thus, Claims 38, 70, and 81 are therefore allowable for at least the reasons set forth herein with respect to Claim 1.

CLAIMS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 39-41, 71-72, 74 AND 77

Claim 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 39-41, 71-72, 74 and 77 is either directly or indirectly dependent upon independent Claims 1, 38 or 70 and include all the features of Claim 1, Claim 38 or Claim 70. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 39-41, 71-72, 74 and 77 are allowable for at least the reasons provided herein with respect to Claims 1, 38, 70.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 39-41, 71-72, 74 and 77 recite additional features that independently render Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 39-41, 71-72, 74 and 77 patentable over the cited art.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4311.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

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